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INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR ELLEN CORBETT

Answers to LWVC questions.
 Senator Ellen Corbett, District 10
 Interview was Friday, May 1, 2009

1. Question: The state's budget crisis raises concerns about both our budget process and the popular use of ballot propositions that reduce the flexibility of that process. Several measures are being considered as part of the effort to balance the budget – among them a new state spending cap, the use of taxes established by past ballot measures for different purposes, a change in the two-thirds vote requirement for passing a budget or raising taxes, changes in the state lottery, and stronger requirements concerning the state reserve fund.

Which of these measures do you consider reasonable approaches to balancing the budget? Do you believe any represent real reform, or are they simply temporary measures to get through a crisis? Are there other budget reforms you would support?

Answer: The May 19 propositions are necessary and reasonable. However, we do need true reform and there isn't reform in this budget. There can't be reform as long as we have the 2/3 requirement for passing a budget. We need to change revenue sources, including sales tax. We need stabilization. The budget shouldn't need to go to voters. What does open primary do for the budget? Arms were twisted and votes were sold. The State has a Tax commission which is to finish a report in June or July. They are looking at all kinds of revenues including tax rebates.

2. Question: California's Constitution promises a free public education to every child. Legislation, statewide ballot measures, and

court decisions have reinforced the need to provide adequate and equitable education services for all students. The Legislature is a key player in the governance and funding of our public schools. We are very interested in what you believe is the best way to approach public education.

Specifically, given our current budget crisis:

- What short-term proposals do you expect to see? Which would you support? Oppose? Will you be introducing legislation?
- What long-term solutions will provide the level of investment and reform in our education system that will ensure that our students graduate with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully enter society and the workforce?

Measures A and B must both pass. Higher education and k-12 education need more money, especially for their buildings and structures. She is particularly concerned about the seismic safety of school buildings. The criteria to get money from the State are too strict. The State needs to update the seismic criteria to get money to the districts that need to upgrade buildings. She is also working to get the cost of textbooks decreased. One bill asks that the professors be apprised of the cost of the texts.

3. Question: Two major approaches to health care reform are a single payer system and a mixed public-private system. What do you see as the impact that either of these two reform options could have on meeting the health care needs of California residents, and how would they affect future state budgets?

She strongly supports Senator Leno's bill. Insurance paperwork is too onerous for doctors, hospitals and their staffs. Sen. Leno's bill would be cost effective.

4. Question: What other major issues do you think the Legislature must deal with in 2009? What are your personal priorities?

The legislature will be working on the findings of the tax commission, budget reform (not that 2/3 vote is needed), the crisis in the housing foreclosures.

She is particularly interested in a bill that would require car dealers to transfer titles on cars used as trade-ins. (Car Buyers Protection Act). A second bill she is working on is to look at structured settlements in law suits. Some companies are offering successful litigants all cash right now instead of paying the settlement over a period of years. They only give pennies on the dollar. The bill would ask the court to get more information. Under beverage container recycling, she would like to add card-board juice containers. It would mean extra jobs and markets. She is also concerned about San Leandro Hospital and the Pontiac Vibe that is manufactured at Nummi in Fremont.



INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN GEBHARDT, FUSD BOARD MEMBER**1 How is FUSD**

responding to the fact that the May propositions didn't pass?

FUSD is getting daily information from the State. We will need to make our assumptions on the latest information so that we can adopt a budget by June 30th. Our cash flow is all right at this time but next year, we may need some short-term loans. Even after the current year's cuts FUSD has \$8 in reserves.

2. The FUSD-City of Fremont held a joint meeting . What was the gist of the modernization report that Bill Stevens gave? Ditto for sustainability. Your comments on the joint meeting.

There was not much tangible from the meeting, but FUSD needs to be more aware of the elements of the General Plan so that housing developments can be anticipated. Parks were discussed as some school playing fields serve as community areas, and there needs to be more cooperation in managing them.

3. Overloading is always a problem. With the increase in class sizes and the solutions being used to have more combination classes, will this help?

There is a demographic study coming to the Board soon that might help project needs. The current increase to 32 students in grades 4-6 might be alleviated as funds come in, but changing the numbers in the middle of the year might cause more disruption. Mr. Gebhardt said he is not in favor of combination classes. We talked about the possibility of caps on high schools as some schools are over-crowded- mainly MSJ where the facility is in bad repair and over-utilized. Knowing there was a cap might keep too many students from moving into the attendance area.

4. How will the no layoff clause in the FUDTA contract affect the school district this year? in the future?

As far as Mr. Gebhardt knows FUDTA is one of the only, and may be the only, unions that has a no-layoff clause in their contract. The no-layoff clause puts the onus on principals to do better evaluations so that ineffective teachers can be eliminated. This year, many "temporary" teachers have received pink slips which caused many new and effective teachers to lose their jobs. Many prep teachers who specialize in one subject have been moved into classroom positions.

5. What categories impinge on the general fund? How much does special education call on the general fund? The State is considering giving local districts more flexibility in managing these funds. Will this help? Numbers of special ed. students were not known, but they have increased. Autistic students are currently on the up-swing, and they are expensive to educate. Mr. G. believes that the flexibility issue only puts the hard decisions down to the local level and will not do much to help FUSD.

6. Would some flexibility affect how you might fund Tier Three programs? How important do you think the Cal Safe program is (teen parents)? We talked about the possibility that Cal-Safe might be a Title IX program because it affects girls more than boys, and we talked about the effectiveness of the program in keeping girls in school to graduate. Would the counselor for them be paid for from the ADA generated by keeping them in school?

7. Is there any possibility of a parcel tax? How much money would the Board likely ask for per parcel? FUSD

met last week with consultants who are working on a community survey to evaluate the possibility of some kind of parcel tax or an extension of the facilities bond. There are approximately 50,000 parcels in Fremont, and a \$100 per year tax would generate (\$5,000,000) per year. It would need a 2/3 vote to pass unless the legislature changes the rule to 55%. The soonest FUSD could get it on the ballot would be June of 2010. We discussed if it should be for specific items such as counselors, libraries, etc.

8. Do you think that some kind of training for boards and committees would help to streamline meetings so that the work could be done more efficiently? Mr. G. acknowledged the dysfunction of the Board in running effective meetings, and he said that assistance to change this might be appreciated. He said Mr. Werner would be the person to approach. We talked about time limits, having the Board watch themselves and then discuss how their own behavior could be modified. The question is, "How can we tighten this up?"

9. New Haven is talking about a community day school, and it was suggested that FUSD enter the discussion. Mr. G. said that students sent to the day school in Hayward have poor attendance which decreases the ADA. The truancy rate of 30% at Robertson was also discussed. We wanted to know if students who transferred to adult school actually attended or if this was a way to shift the losses of students from the high schools to the adult school. Students need to be tracked.

10. We asked about the plans for mandatory 8th grade algebra. (No discussion).

11. The standards from No Child Left Behind are working according to Mr. Gebhardt. He mentioned the Reading Lions Program as being effective because it identifies needs that teachers can address in a timely manner.

12. Mr. G. said that FUSD needs to focus on student achievement and work on long-range plans and goals even when the district is struggling because of budget problems.

President's Report

2008—2009 was another exciting, jam packed year. Our League fulfilled its mission to engage the public in democracy through various voter services, informational advocacy activities. We registered voters, provided speakers' bureaus, and held candidate forums, many of which were televised. We were very engaged and we engaged the public in all of the elections but especially the historical November 2008 election. We helped with efforts to pass Proposition 11, worked with Smartvoter.org and provided balanced forums on ballot measures. We also published the Candidate Information booklet which gave local candidates a valuable cost effective way to reach voters. Our League won a voter service award at the LWVC 2009 biennial convention for the Candidate Information booklet.



We continued to host informative forums on timely topics such as the one entitled "Alternatives to the Death Penalty", The Action Committee remains vigilant and ready to address issues that impact us, observers attend public meetings to ensure that our local government is functioning in a transparent manner. We also continue to periodically review our web presence and publicity efforts to improve outreach.

One of the main goals for this year was to establish a more formal fund development plan. I am pleased to say that thanks to the efforts of the fund development committee, we did just that. Although we are in the extremely fortunate position to have a solid reserve due to previous years' work, a formal fund development strategy, properly implemented, is the key to the long term financial sustainability of our mission.

The League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City, due to the dedicated hard work of its members, has thrived for over fifty years in the Tri-City area. We are now at a crucial time in our history. Nationally, the LWV's membership has been dropping, from a once high of 150,000 members to currently less than fifty percent of that number. Our League has increased membership to an all time high in the previous year but declined slightly this year.

To ensure that declining membership is not an ongoing trend, we have to bring our focus back to the fact that we are a grass roots organization. Our membership is our life-blood. Our ability to incorporate membership recruitment and leadership development in other aspects of our work, will impact the very vitality of our organization and the value we bring to the community. We need each one of us to step up in any way we can, whether for just one minute or for heavier responsibilities so that our League can continue to fulfill its mission to enable citizens to shape better communities and help keep government transparent and accountable.

It has indeed been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your president for the last couple of years. I have had the opportunity to work with some of the most dedicated, intelligent and informed members of our community. I welcome the new Board, and I know that under the leadership of incoming President, Alex Starr, our League will successfully continue vital work where hands on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement

—Syeda Yunas

Annual Reports, con't.**Voter Information Book** (Marilyn Singer and John Smith)

The 2008 Voter Information Booklet was produced for Fremont residents under the direction of John Smith. For the November election, the Voter Information Book was mailed to 40,436 households made up of 64,700 likely Fremont voters.

This was the fourth Voter Information Book, and each one has been an improvement on the last. It continues to be the best value for candidates who want to reach out to voters. There were not enough challengers in Union City in 2008 to make a booklet feasible. A booklet in Newark is also not possible because there are not enough candidates to make the publishing of the booklet possible.

At the State League Convention in May, LWVFNUC won recognition for our Voter Information Book and our innovation in funding it.

Voting Matters (Kay Emanuele)

This past year our League has used the Comcast studio and equipment to produce a monthly cable television program, Voting Matters. With the help of John Smith as director, Miriam Keller and Sam Neeman doing graphics, and Alex Starr, Andrea Schacter, Ann Halligan, Alice Johnson, John Matthews and Caroloyn Hedgecock operating the cameras, we have assembled a variety of topics. Each program plays for one month.

The scheduled programs included Fremont Finances (July 08), Y Vote Contest (Aug. 08), Proposition 11-Putting California Voters First (Sept. 09), Quest, Learning Service at Irvington High School (Oct. 08), Civic Education (Nov. 08), Fremont's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (Dec. 08), Green Task Force (Jan. 09), Alternatives to the Death Penalty (Feb. 09), Ohlone College (Mar. 09), May 19th Special Election (Apr. 09), BART (May 09), Aqua Adventure Park (Jun. 09). These past programs can be seen in their entirety on the League website.

To watch the current program, viewers in Fremont can watch channel 29 on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, Newark can watch channel 6 on Thursday evenings at 7:00, Union City on channel 15 on Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. and Hayward on channel 28 on Mondays at 9:30 p.m.

If you would like to join our crew, Comcast does training periodically. Please contact Kay Emanuele.

Voter Newsletter (Vesta Wilson)

The Voter was published 10 times. All issues contained a President's Message, Board Briefs, news and events of our League, news of other Leagues or events of interest to our League, a mission statement, a non-partisan statement, committee reports, and invitation to join the League and a calendar. Some issues contained a thank you to our sponsors, notebook pages on current issues, welcome to new members, upcoming local, regional, state and national League events. Some issues contained a time-line of events leading to women's right to vote. One issue contained the Call to the Annual Meeting. The Voter is on our website.

**Program** (Ken Ballard)**PROGRAMS PRESENTED SEPTEMBER 2008 THROUGH JUNE 2009**

September 30, 2008	Pros and Cons (on November ballot issues)
November 17	The Three City Managers
December 15	Holiday potluck
January 12, 2009	Program Planning
February 23	State budget's effect on Fremont School District
March 16	Pro/Con on Death Penalty
April 20	Consensus Meeting on Death Penalty
May 4	State ballot propositions Pros and Cons
June 6	ANNUAL MEETING at Sweet Tomatoes
	Speaker: Alex Briscoe of the Alameda County Health Services Agency: "Update on Finances and Services"

Annual Reports, con't.**Website**

We currently have three web sites, one for the public, one for members only, and the third for board use.



In 2008, the Board formed a web site committee to discuss the content of the three sites. This resulted in our moving many of our web pages from the public and board sites to the Members Only site. The public site contains information announcing our monthly unit meeting, our calendar of events, our cable programs, an archive of Voter publications, and other helpful information that promotes our League. It is also where we have tools for joining our League and making donations online.

The Members Only site contains League and Board information along with information about various local organizations compiled by our observers.

The Board site contains tools for administering the Membership Roster, for scheduling our cable programs, and other information that is needed by our Board.

We are always looking for ways to improve our web site and welcome any suggestions that you might have.

Fund Development (Jane Mueller, Sandi Pantages, and Jean Holmes)

As most members are aware, the majority of our dues income provides financial support for national, state, and regional levels of League. To provide financial support for our local League, committee members Kay Emanuele, John Smith, Syeda Yunus, and Holly Bell Walter met with us early in the League year to develop a plan.

Local support for LWVFNUC this year came from the following sources:

- Member contributions
- Non-member and business contributions
- Payment for voter registration and work at the polls
- Merchant rebate programs (such as eScrip program)
- Voter Information Book
- Homeowners association election monitoring
- Fund appeal letter

**Education Committee** (Ann Crosbie)

This year the Education Committee has been watching closely the effects of the budget crisis on local, state and national education. We regularly observe the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) Board of Education meetings and are looking for observers for the Newark and New Haven meetings. We follow API scores. We monitor reports from EdSource, paying close attention to mandatory algebra for 8th grade, mandatory use of student identifiers and the possibility of national education standards. We had a representative at this year's EdSource Conference in Irvine, CA, which focused on the budget crisis. We also had a representative at the CA PTA Annual conference in San Jose, CA, and at the local summit on youth violence and gang activity. We hosted a member meeting on the effects of budget cuts in FUSD which included a PowerPoint presentation by FUSD Superintendent Milt Werner and FUSD Board of Education member Lara York.

**Membership** (Sarabjit Cheema)

We have 133 members, including 24 household memberships and eight national memberships. Two are brand new members this year. This was my first year as an active member as well as membership chair. Alex provided me some training, but other logistics were kind of out of place. I plan to recruit members more actively in upcoming year. I plan to write in Tri City Voice as well as in the Argus in the fall. I encourage new members to join at our annual meeting. I am hopeful about increasing membership after the MGIK training at our retreat.

Action Committee (Alex Starr)

This committee continues to depend on each member's special area of interest. We all share detailed information when asked and general information at each meeting. Our actions often are based on suggestions offered by our dedicated observers. Open government, affordable housing, transportation, financial issues, health care, the environment – all are topics we discuss regularly.

This past year we followed the A's idea to move to Fremont, the development plans for Patterson Ranch, the fate of mobile home parks and the long and weary tale of Dumbarton Rail. State budget woes and the effect on our three cities and school districts were ongoing sources of discussion. We provided speakers for the November elections and for the recent May special election. We recommended to the board that we support legislation on ground water supervision wanted by ACWD. Our discussions are always lively and interesting. Come join us for our monthly meeting, the first Thursday of each month at 12:30 at Kay Emanuele's home.

Publicity (John Smith)

Fall of 2008 election year coverage of the League of Women Voter Forums held for the 13th Congressional, AC Transit, Superior Court, Fremont Unified School District, Washington Hosp, Fremont Mayor & City Council, Ohlone Board, AC Water District was covered in both the Argus and Tri-City Voice.

November 2008 coverage of the Tri-City Mangers discussion of their respective cities budget and the impacts of the state budget on the Tri-City area budget held at the Silliman Center was covered by both the Argus and Tri-City voice and was well attended.

February 2009 coverage of League's program with Fremont Unified School Board Trustee, Lara York and the Superintendent of Schools, FUSD Dr. Milt Werner for an update on the State fiscal crisis meeting was covered by the Argus and Tri-City Voice.

March 2009 coverage of the League's program, Pros and Cons of the Death Penalty in California with Assistant District Attorney Angela Backers and

American Civil Liberties Union Lawyer Natasha Minsker, as well as the Logan High School Forensic team with Justin Chan and Patrick Berger was covered by the Argus and Tri-City Voice.

April 2009 coverage of the League's program Pro's and Con's of Measures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F was covered by the Argus and Tri-City Voice.

Voters Service

Voter registration and distribution of affidavits [voter registration forms] (Barbara Friedrich)

Our preparation for the November election began with four registration drives (two at concerts in the park and two at grocery stores). Members in charge of distributing voter registration forms were kept busy from then to the election keeping the boxes filled at many tri-city locations. In September, a committee folded and sorted about 1000 forms for distribution to the Fremont Unified School District. The forms were taken to the district office to be given to each school. 5000 copies of Pros and Cons were also stamped, sorted and delivered to approximately 50 locations. 700 copies of Easy Voter in three languages were also distributed. Near to election time we were requested to staff a registration table at two other locations.

Prior to the May 19 elections, we continued to monitor our affidavit boxes. We distributed over 2000 Easy Voters since Pros and Cons were no longer being published.

Candidate Forums (Marilyn Singer)

The November 2008 election forums were done in two ways- some on cable television and others in other venues working in cooperation with Ohlone College, New Haven Unified School District, and the City of Fremont. This allowed multiple showings of the programs on the TV channels of the cities, the school districts and Washington Hospital which increased our public education possibilities. Comcast channels in Fremont, Newark, Union City and South Hayward were cooperative.

Using outside venues cost the League some money for production costs, but the coverage and the audiences were increased. Newark and Union City did not have challengers for city and school

election so no forums were done, but they did indicate that they were willing to work with the League in future elections. We are building a network of people who understand our mission and are willing to work with us.

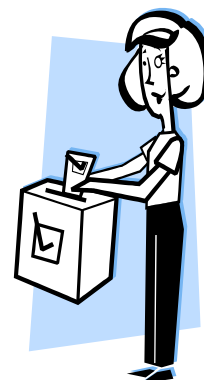
The members of the Action Committee take on the task of writing questions for the forums in case no questions come from the audience. All questions from the forums are typed and saved for use in future elections.

Letha Saldana and Miriam Keller assisted candidates to get their information onto the smartvoter website, and the site usage grows every year. This year, thanks to Letha, linkages were done so that candidates could expand their own coverage using links to other media.

The special election in May 2009 was on State Propositions. Voting Matters did an educational program, and there was a public meeting at Fremont Main Library. John Smith competently handled the publicity for all Voter Service events.

Requests for speakers on election issues go through the president who either fills the request or asks members to speak for the League. Several educational presentations were made for the May election, but they were not scheduled by Voter Service.

The League is lucky to have many capable moderators to handle election events. This next year, we should do a moderator training event so that new people can be continually added to the roster. It is the intent of Voter Service to demonstrate our competency as we do voter education and also to show the diverse face of the League. Another job that needs to be completed is editing of the moderator script for forums to make it usable for closely-timed forums. We also should evaluate and experiment with different ways to conduct forums when there are many candidates.



From the Bay Area Monitor**Express Lane Network: A Hot Issue****By Alec MacDonald**

The adoption of the new RTP signaled a greenlight for the establishment of an 800-mile High-Occupancy/Toll (HOT) network, one of the plan's most talked-about aspects.

Traversing all nine Bay Area counties, this network would expand upon existing High-Occupancy-Vehicle (HOV) lanes, where carpooling vehicles (those containing a minimum of two or in some cases three people) have the ability to bypass both traffic and bridge tolls. As the name indicates, HOT lanes would allow single drivers to share in this privilege for the price of a toll.

Money would be collected from these drivers via the automatic FasTrak system currently in use on the region's toll bridges, and this revenue stream would cover the costs of developing and operating the lanes. Surplus revenue could be used for a variety of improvements along the lanes' corridors.

Many transportation leaders feel that such market-based pricing will be the wave of the future, making free-ways more efficient, easing congestion, and decreasing vehicle emissions — but this strategy has its detractors, too. Some fear that making driving a breezier experience in this manner will foster increased auto dependence at the expense of public transit and the environment, while others feel the system simply won't work.

There may not be long to wait in finding out who's right. Legislation in the form of Assembly Bill 744 (Torrico) is now being considered that would permit the Bay Area Toll Authority to create the network, and two lanes (on I-580 in the Livermore Valley, and on I-680 along the Sunol Grade between Pleasanton and Fremont) are already scheduled to open up late next year.

Visit <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/hov> for updates and further information.

MY LAST VOTER

This is my last Voter. I started editing the Voter in February of 2001. Our previous editor had resigned, and as a favor to Miriam Keller, then the President, I offered to do the Voter for just that month. I figured that a new editor could be found soon. Well, one wasn't found. So, thinking that this was a lot of fun, I continued.

At first, it was all physical cut and paste. Pages were lined up on my living room table and separate articles were printed, lined up and scotch taped to the document. This took a lot of measurement and much time.

Eventually, I found a word processor that I could use (Microsoft Publisher) that allowed me to put the whole Voter in one file. That made things much simpler.

Always, Miriam proof read the Voter, found most of my mistakes, and together we managed to produce an award winning Voter.

So now, I am handing over the Voter to the capable hands of Miriam. She will do a fine job.

I thank all of you who sent articles, sometimes even before the Voter deadline.

So, free of the responsibility, I shall see what other mischief I can get into.—Vesta Wilson, retired





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Thurs., Aug. 6	Education Committee	9:30—11:30	Ann Crosbie's home
Thurs., Aug. 6	Action Committee	12:30—2;00 PM	Kay Emanuele's home
Wed., Aug 12	Cable Taping	2:00 PM	Comcast Studios
Thurs., Aug 20	LWVFNUC Board Meeting	6:45	Cultural Arts Center
Sat., Aug 20	Voter Deadline		
Wed., Aug. 26	Women's Equality Day		

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LWVFNUC affirms its commitment to reflect the diversity of our communities in our membership and actions. We believe diverse views are important for responsible decision making and seek to work with all people and groups who reflect our community diversity.

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NOTABLE WOMEN IN HISTORY

Ida B. Wells-Barnett



Wells-Barnett, Ida Bell, 1862–1931, African-American civil-rights advocate and feminist, b. Holly Springs, Miss. Born a slave, she attended a freed-man's school and was orphaned at 16. She moved (1880) to Memphis, taught in black schools, attended Fisk Univ., and became an editor and writer for two weekly newspapers. In 1884 she challenged railroad segregation, ultimately losing (1887) in Tennessee's state supreme court. Becoming a part owner of and reporter for the *Memphis Free Speech and Headlight* (1889–94), she campaigned against the inferior education available to African Americans. In addition, beginning in 1892, following the murder of a friend by a Memphis crowd, she became famous for her antilynching crusades. Later that year a white mob destroyed her newspaper's office and threatened to kill Wells. She subsequently moved to New York, became part owner and writer for the *New York Age*, and again attacked lynching. Wells was also a strong advocate for women's rights, but differed with many other feminists in her insistence on racial justice. Settling finally in Chicago, she wrote for two newspapers, married lawyer Ferdinand Lee Barnett, wrote a book on lynching (1895), created social programs for young black men and women, and worked to improve race relations in the city.